GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:77
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2001
CHILDREN IN HAZARDOUS INDUSTRIES
CHANDRA NATH SINGH;MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take suitable action against those employers who employ children in hazardous industries as per the news item appearing in `Rashtriya Sahara` dated January 20, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a fund for the rehabilitation of child workers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of projects being implemented for the welfare of child labourers?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 77 FOR ANSWER ON 26.02.2001 REGARDING CHILDREN IN HAZARDOUS INDUSTRIES.

(a) to (d): Government is aware of the news item published in the `Rashtriya Sahara` dated January 20, 2001, wherein it has been reported that action will be taken against the employers guilty of employing child labour, who will also have to pay Rs. 20,000/- per child as penalty.

The Hon`ble Supreme Court in its Judgement dated 10th December 1996 in Writ Petition (CIVIL) No. 465/1986 gave certain directions on the issue of elimination of child labour. These include payment of contribution @ Rs. 20,000/- per child by the offending employers into a welfare-cum-rehabilitation fund to be constituted in the States for the purpose. A contribution of Rs. 5,000/- is also to be paid by the State Government if employment to one adult member of the family of the child so withdrawn from work could not be provided. Government has since been complying with the directions of the Hon`ble Court.

As per the affidavit filed in the Hon`ble Supreme Court in December 1999, the amount deposited by the offending employers on whom show cause notices were issued, is at Annexure.(e):

Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the welfare and rehabilitation of child labourers namely, the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) and the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. Under the Scheme of NCLP, funds are released to the Child Labour Projects Societies, constituted at the district level under the Chairpersonship of the District Collector. The major activity under the scheme is the running of Special Schools/Centres for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work through non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, health-care, stipend etc. So far 97 child labour projects with 3552 rehabilitation centres have been sanctioned in 13 child labour endemic states for the benefit of about 2.00 lakh children. Under the scheme of Grants-in-aid, funds are released directly to Voluntary Organisation on the recommendation of the State Governments for taking up action oriented projects for the benefit of working children..PA

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION 77 FOR ANSWER ON 26.02.2001 REGARDIN CHILDREN IN HAZARDOUS INDUSTRIES BY SHRI C.N. SINGH, DR. M.P. JAISWAL.

STATE	AMOUNT
1. ANDHRA PRADES	Rs. 1,10,000.00
2. Bihar	Rs. 1,00,000.00

3. Gujarat Rs. 2,40,000.00

4. Haryana Rs. 80,000.00

5. Himachal Pradesh Rs. 20,000.00
6. Karnataka Rs. 4,95,000.00

7 Madhya Pradesh Rs. 4,40,000.00

8. Maharashtra Rs. 4,80,000.00

9. Orissa Rs. 1,00,000.00
10. Punjab Rs. 1,20,000.00
11. Rajasthan Rs. 60,000.00
12. Tamil Nadu Rs. 1,60,000.00
13. Uttar Pradesh Rs.25,01,488.00
14. West Bengal Rs. 80,000.00